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### **Amendments to the Claims**

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A reinforced molded article comprising:

a main portion having opposing major surfaces defining a thickness of said main portion; and

a protrusion integrally molded with said main portion and protruding from one of said surfaces, said protrusion having a thickness of less than the thickness of said main portion and less than about 0.1", said protrusion having a height of at least twice the thickness of said protrusion,

said main portion and said protrusion being formed from a material comprising at least one thermoplastic, and reinforcing particles, the reinforcing particles comprise about 2% to about 15%, by volume, of a total volume of the material,

said reinforcing particles each comprising one or more layers, at least 50% of said reinforcing particles being less than about 20 layers thick, at least 99% of said reinforcing particles being less than about 30 layers thick, said layers comprising platelets having a thickness of between about 0.7 nm and 1.2 nm, and wherein at least some of the reinforcing particles are not completely exfoliated and are up to about 30 layers thick.

2. (Original) A reinforced molded article according to claim 1, further comprising a decorative material adhered to an opposite surface disposed on a side of said main portion opposite said one of said surfaces.

3. (Previously presented) A reinforced molded article according to claim 2, wherein said decorative material is made from a material selected from a group consisting of vinyl, poly(vinyl chloride)/acrylonitrile butadiene styrene, thermoplastic olefin, polypropylene, and thermoplastic polyurethane.

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4. (Previously presented) A reinforced molded article according to claim 2, wherein said decorative material is made from fabric, or carpeting.

5. (Previously presented) A reinforced molded article according to claim 4, wherein said decorative material further includes at least one of a bonded foam layer and a film layer disposed in contact with said opposite surface.

Claims 6-10 (Withdrawn)